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PENTAGON FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER; SHAPE FOR INTAF

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MILI, GW
SUBJECT: MINI-NUKE ISSUE

REF: A) STATE 137039; B) BONN 9897

1. EMBOFF PASSED THE INFO IN REF A AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 13 TO ACTING CHIEF OF DEFENSE MINISTRY POLICY PLANNING STAFF, EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DID NOT RAISE THE MINI-NUKE ISSUE HIMSELF DURING HIS JULY 9 BRIEFING OF BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE DEPUTIES. DEFMIN OFFICIAL PROMISED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION PROMPTLY TO DEFMIN LEBER.
 2. DEFMIN OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S DEFINITION OF "MINI-NUKES" AS MEANING "TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR TACTICAL NUCLEAR POSTURE". HE SAID REPORTS RECEIVED IN BONN INDICATED THAT THERE
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WERE TWO SCHOOLS OF THINKING IN WASHINGTON ON "MINI-

NUKES", ONE WHICH ADVOCATED IMPROVING EXISTING WEAPONS AND ANOTHER WHICH FAVORED DEVELOPMENT OF "A TOTALLY NEW KIND OF TACTICAL WEAPONS KNOWN AS MINI-NUKES". DEFMIN OFFICIAL SAID HE HOPED THE SCHLESINGER DEFINITION IN REF A WAS MEANT TO REFER ONLY TO IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING WEAPONS. OUR SOURCE SAID MINISTER LEBER PROBABLY WOULD SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT IN WASHINGTON.
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